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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TGC SUBSTITUTION

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO GEORGE ROGERS
SOONEST STYLES' RESPONSE TO KEMMIS' LETTER OF JULY 7
CONCERNING UK ACCEPTANCE OF TGC SUBSTITUTION PROVISIONS
AFTER SEPTEMBER 30.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR GEORGE: I HAVE MR. KEMMIS' LETTER OF
JULY 7 IN WHICH HE INDICATES THE UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSES
TO WITHDRAW ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUBSTITUTION PRO-
VISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVEL GROUP CHARTER CATA-
GORY AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.

WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT THIS DECISION. THE UNITED
KINGDOM AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS
WATH RESPECT TO THE SUBSTITUTION PROVISIONS OF HHAT
TRAVEL-GROUP CHARTER CATAGORY, NOR HAVE THEY OTHERWISE
INDICATED ANY DIFFICULTIES SINCE MARCH 24 WITH THOSE
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PROVISIONS WHICH MIGHT EXPLAIN THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW

ACCEPTANCE. AN IMPORTANT BASIS OF THE UNDERSTANDING IS THE RECOGNITION THAT THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF EACH PARTY TO THE UNDERSTANDING ARE IN THE UNIQUE POSITION OF DETERMINING THE MOST APPROPRIATE CHARTER -

WORTHINESS CRITERIA FOR THEIR TERRITORY AND CITIZENS AND THAT THEREFORE EACH PARTY SHOULD ACCEPT AS CHARTER-WORTHY PASSENGER CHARTER TRAFFIC ORIGINATING IN THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RULES.

WE HOPE THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES WILL RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION TO WITHDRAW ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUBSTITUTION PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVEL GROUP CHARTER CATEGORY. IN THE MEANTIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THOSE EXPERIENCES TO WHICH YOU REFER IN YOUR LETTER AS WELL AS ANY OTHER FACTORS OR CONSIDERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF TRAVEL GROUP CHARTERS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM SINCE MARCH 24 WHICH LED TO THE DECISION. SINCERELY, MICHAEL H. STYLES. END TEXT

2. LAKER'S WASHINGTON ATTORNEY TOLD US EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT LAKER AND DAN AIR HAD JUST LEARNED OF KEMMIS' LETTER AND THAT BOTH AIRLINES PLANNED TO PROTEST UKDOT PLANS TO WITHDRAW ACCEPTANCE OF TGC SUBSTITUTION PROVISIONS.

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